Rangarajan Committee's recommendations

2218. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rangarajan Committee has recommended major changes for strengthening of the statistical system and data collection in the country;

(b) if so, the details of these recommendations; and

(c) the time by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Rangarajan Commission in its report submitted to the Prime Minister in 2001 made 623 recommendations covering administrative and technical requirements for improving in the Indian Statistical System.

(c) The responsibility of implementing the recommendations lies with the concerned Ministeries and Departments of Government of India and the State Governments. So far, no specific time frame has been fixed to implement all the recommendations. However 238 recommendations have been implemented.

Twenty Point Programme

†2219. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it it a fact that economically developed States such as Maharashtra and Punjab are lagging behind with regard to implementation of parameters of Twenty Point Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to duly implement Twenty Point Programme in their States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION: (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) As per the Progress Report on the implementation of Twenty Point

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Programme for the year 2005-06, Maharashtra and Punjab have obtained 27th and 29th rank respectively in the country.

(b) In Maharashtra the per cent achievement in respect of nine items—(i) Distribution of Surplus Land; (ii) Number of Villages/Habitations covered for supply of Drinking Water; (iii) Number of Scheduled Caste families assisted; (iv) Number of Scheduled Tribes families assisted; (v) Number of Houses constructed for Economically Weaker Sections; (vi) Number of Houses constructed for Low Income Groups; (vii) Number of persons covered under Slum Improvement; (viii) Number of Trees Planted on Private Lands and (ix) Number of Pumpsets energised, is below the national average. The performance in respect of Number of Villages Electrified is "NIL".

In Punjab the per cent achievement in respect of five items—(i) Number of Villages/Habitations covered for supply of Drinking Water; (ii) Number of scheduled caste families assisted; (iii) Number of trees planted on private lands; (iv) Number of pumpsets energized and (v) Number of Bio-gas Plants installed, is below national average. For the two items namely; Construction of houses for Economically Weaker Sections and Low Income Group, the performance of State is "NIL".

(c) A copy of Monthly Progress Report on Twenty Point Programme is sent, *inter-alia,* to all the State Governments and UT Administrations for enabling them take appropriate measures in their respective areas of concern.

CBI enquiry into housing scam

2220. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI was entrusted to enquire about 4000 crore rupees housing scam in Delhi while hearing the case;

(b) if so, whether Delhi High Court has reportedly asked CBI to go after unscrupulous builders who have hijacked the cooperative movement; and

(c) if so, who is responsible for not taking stringent action against the building contractors of Delhi Housing Society involved in the scam of thousands of crores of rupees, please give details?